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REMARKS

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1. Four biplanes were parked at the Wittenberg (N 52/E 37) improvised airfield on 28 December 1949. About 20 new trucks were parked in the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. motor vehicles passed through the kaserne gate.

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2. Restricted billets on Thaelmannstrasse were surrounded by a 2-meter board fence and guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered, blue epaulets. From 12 to 15 telephone lines focused in the restricted area. Several officers, including two majors as ranking officers, and soldiers of the Soviet Air Force were seen at the gate of the off-limits area. motor vehicles passed through the gate of the restricted area.

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3. Three biplanes were parked at the field on 28 December 1949. There was no flying. An estimated 300 Soviet Air Force men were quartered in the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. Twenty-five new trucks [REDACTED] were parked in the open in the kaserne yard and eleven tank trucks in the sheds. [REDACTED] a small pilot detail and supply battalion were in the kaserne.

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4. No aircraft were parked at the field on 11 and 12 January 1950. About 500 Soviet Air Force men were quartered in the kaserne. Many soldiers were repairing motor vehicles.

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a. The occupation of the airfield, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne and the building block an Thaelmannstrasse has apparently not changed compared with observations of previous months. It is assumed that the Brueckenkopf Kaserne is still occupied by a motor vehicle transport battalion of the I Gds Ftr Corps and the houses on Thaelmannstrasse by the II Headquarters of the I Gds Ftr Corps. The field is used by headquarters courier planes.

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